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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 January 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 15 January 2004 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION***Drawings***

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) because they fail to show two plugs with larger diameter are tightly fitted and pressed as described in the specification. This structural detail is essential for a proper understanding of the disclosed invention since it is not known how a larger object of metal can be fitted into a smaller hole without damaging or enlarging the smaller object to accommodate the larger object. Any structural detail that is essential for a proper understanding of the disclosed invention should be shown in the drawing. MPEP § 608.02(d). Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as “amended.” If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either “Replacement Sheet” or “New Sheet” pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: on page 6, at line 21, it appears to be that "the plugs 10" is a typographical error of "the plugs 20".

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The claimed subject matter of "two plugs, the outer diameter of each of said plugs is larger than that of either of said plug holes" renders the scope of the claim indefinite since it is not clear whether applicant is claiming the heat pipe as a final product or an intermediate product. The heat pipe as a final product has the plugs located within the plug holes, and the diameter of the plug must be less than or equal to the plug holes. It is impossible to have a larger diameter located well within the smaller diameter hole.

Claim 3 recites the limitation "said heat conductive part" in line 3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. The claimed subject matter of step 2 was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to make

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the heat pipe since the applicant has not described how two plugs with larger diameters are tightly fitted and pressed into the plug holes. It is already impossible to fit a larger plug into a smaller plug hole without enlarging the hole, let alone the plug is further coated with tin grease layers, which make the plug larger. Applicant describes in the disclosure that the plugs (20) are harder than the heat conducting part (10) and larger than the plug hole. It is not understood to one of ordinary skill in the art to know how to fit the plugs into the plug hole without scrapping off the tin grease layer or damaging the heat conducting part.

In view of clarity issue above, the examiner has not been able to determine whether claims 1-2 are new or inventive.

The claimed subject matter of larger plugs coated with tin grease layer in smaller plug holes are not found in the prior arts of record in singularly or in combination.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Tanzer discloses a method of making a heat pipe with improved end cap.

Itoh (US 5,379,830) discloses a heat pipe and radiating device.

Basiulis (US 4,106,171) discloses a method for closure of heat pipes and device fabricating the heat pipe.

Droughton et al. (US 3,769,674) discloses a method for producing heat pipe.

Hamburgen et al. (US 5,582,242) discloses a thermosiphon for cooling a high power die.

Billoue (US 4,811,759) discloses a device of a fluidly tight closure.

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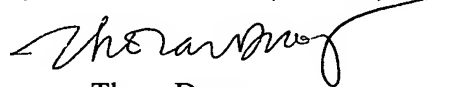
Koizumi et al. (JP 53022650A) discloses a manufacturing method of internally groove heat pipe.

JP 507892 discloses a method of forming a heat pipe with plugs press fit into the heat pipe.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tho v. Duong whose telephone number is 571-272-4793. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (first Friday off).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Henry Bennet can be reached on 571-272-4791. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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